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Gift of William H. Webb to Indigent Ship builders-A Free School of Naval Architecture For Worthy Boys-A Magnificent

Structure and a Noble Gift. [Special Correspondence.]

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Philanthropy bas not by any means kept pace with the enormous and rapid increase of wealth in this country, but rich men of benevolent nature are learning the lesson taught by George Peabody and Peter Cooper-that it can be best promoted by placing it on a business basis. A practical view of the subject shows that posthumous philanthropy ha evils that can be avoided only by a man's live interest and personal promotion of his benign objects. It is while he is in the flesh that his ideas can best be carried out and his commands obeyed, and it is this view that now animates the deeds of many of Peabody's and Cooper's emulators.

When those philanthropists lived, millionaires were rare, multimillionaires alst unknown, undreamed of but today



WILLIAM HENRY WEBB

one may live next door to a man possessing millions without suspecting it. A philanthronic millionaire may exist whose monument in the shape of some enormously en-dowed charity confronts the passerby daily and the world know almost nothing of his good deeds. Of this class is a man reputed to be worth \$25,000,000. Fame has not shouted his name abroad, nor does the world know him, yet he has been a great shipbuilder—one of the greatest for 40 years -and has lived to see erected at a cost of \$500,000 and with an endowment of \$2,000. 600 a home for aged and impoverished ship builders that will keep his name forever

green.

This man is William Henry Webb, and he lives at 415 Fifth avenue, in this city. He made his fortune of \$25,000,000 building more than 150 vessels, from the ironclad to the clipper, in the famous old shipyards on the East river, between Sixth and Seventh

streets.
Mr. Webb is 78 years of age, but looks 60. Rather slightly modeled, his figure is of medium height, surmounted by a head typical of the old fashioned American mertypical of the old fashioned American mer-chant and man of affairs. His face is kind-ty and serene, wearing the art of calm re-typical of the three entitled to the money pose that betokens a clear life, and lights up easily into good humored smiles. His silver gray hair encircles his face like a halo, and his eyes beam softly behind gold

rimmed glasses.

He is averse to notoriety and dreads

When he was 15 years of age, he asked his

He learned what hard work was and had to study drafting at night by candle light, and in 1839 his health broke down. Then he went to Europe, returning to find his father a bankrupt. But he went into the same business with his father's partner and built more ships than any man who had ever-until lately-been in the busi-

He built the General Admirable for Russia, the largest warship in the world at the time. She was to be a model for the Rus- the mortification which one di sian navy and revolutionized shipbuilding the world over.

building of this ship, and success and wealth were assured. He built for Spain and then was submitted. The prize went to a comrande ironelads for Italy, men-of-war for France, fishing smacks for Newfoundland, privateers for Spain and gunboats for our navy during the war. He constructed the very last ship built in New York-the Charles H. Marshall—in 1868. His big contract with Spain for building

representative at Madrid, who impressed the Spanish government that they were wasting their money by employing a northern-States government to build ships and had her which had cost \$1,000 to build. This he purchased, and it now occupies a position

charge their board and tuition in the vari-ous forms of naval architecture. They will In the contest described above, whi ous forms of naval architecture. They will be taught to draft and put together ships and engines. But they must first prove made evident, and that was that a very dated and each have a room nicely fur-

There are very pretty rooms furnished in sets of birdseye maple for over 100 old ship-makers, and their wives may live with them. Everything for their comfort and amusement has been selected with a care and solicitude that show how thoroughly

Mr. Webb's heart is in the undertaking.

There are two libraries. One contains books on all subjects, but principally historical. 'The other, adjoining a museum of models of all sorts of ships' hulls, has books treating only of marine subjects and is chiefly for the use of the students. There are splendid arrangements for facilitating the process of photography. The large suany hospital is perfect in all its details. There are baths galore in the building, and, in fact, it would seem impossible to find a

From an architectural standpoint the teademy and home is a most imposing edifice, and its location is admirable. Sur rounded by 14 acres, it is situated upon the highest bluff at Fordham heights and commands a wonderful view of the surround ing country, overlooking as it does the pic-turesque Harlem river and to the west the banks of the Hudson, while in the east the waters of Long Island sound can be seen.

It is of buff brick, terra cotta trimmings and granite base. It is 160 feet long by 80 in width, four stories in height in the central portion and six at the north end. At the northwest corner a tower rises 10 stories, or 170 feet, and represents the shaft

the southwest end is seven stories in height.
In this latter tower there is a splendidly equipped smoking room for the old men.
It is pleasing in these days of arrogant

displays of wealth and the murmurin dertones of socialistic complaints and threatenings to contemplate the deeds and benign ambition of a man like this. Plain, unaffected and hearty, his philanthropy takes such a practical, wholesome and earnest shape that it bridges over the constant ly increasing gulf between wealth and want and makes one more hopeful of man-

now he has seen his hope realized, he may live to enjoy the sight of the practical working of his home for a full score more of years.

SHORT STORIES.

New Writers Being Trained by Disciplin and Development.

a periodical published in one of the eastern cities offered as prizes considerable sums of money for those persons to whom should be awarded the merit of having written the best short stories submitted in competition to the editor of that magazine. The sum fixed upon as a prize for that one of the stories regarded as only third best was larger than even the masters in the art of short story writing can command, and the sum to be awarded as a first prize was greater with perhaps two exceptions than had ever been promised as a reward for chief merit in such competition. Therefore the money tempta-tions were a sufficient inducement to lead even the most distinguished of those men

of short stories.

Within a few weeks after the announ ment was made the mails that came to the office of this publication were loaded down with manuscript. A number of tales were sent so speedily after the announcement was made that it was evident their authors had not written any new tale to enter into this competition, but had taken stories which they had already written. But the majority of the stories bore evidence of recent composition. When the day which was set as the limit of time for receiving the stories came, it was found that more than 1,500 manuscripts had been forwarded to the editor. They came from all parts of the United States, a few from Canada.

Some of them were in exquisite writing as clear as script, plainly the work of professional copyists. Some of them were neatly tied together by ribbons. Nearly all of them, however, were in typewritten man-uscript, and all of them indicated that the writers had familiarity with the rules which editors insist upon in the making of manuscript. A few of them were packed in thin wooden boxes, and one was written upon scented paper, and, strange as it may appear, this is one of the best of those offered in competition.

The work of examining these manuscripts entailed a labor upon a few men perhaps quite as great as the aggregate labor bestowed in the writing of them. There were a few whose imperfections were revealed at a single glance and were plainly the work of persons who had no conception of literary form or capacity for telling a story, and yet in almost every case these worthless specimens were accompanied by pleading and explanatory letters, as though a good story did not sufficiently explain itself.

After several weeks of diligence, entailing labor that extended far into the night, there were sifted out of this great number of stories 12 which were regarded as worthy

It might be supposed, the pecuniary re wards being so great in the case of the first prize, \$1,000, that some of the famous authors would have been induced to send praise more than most men fear criticism or censure, yet it is impossible to build \$2. e, yet it is impossible to build \$2,-mes without incurring both fame. Won any recognition for such literary work. This is probably due to two reasons. One, the famous writers of short stories are able father to let him go to work in his shipyards. He prevailed over parental objection and for six years never missed a day Mr. Kipling, Mr. Howells, Miss Wilkins, Mr. Harry Edwards, Mr. Hibbard and Mr. for a week. their short tales. In fact, the difficulty with them is to meet the applications made by publishers for such products of their

Then another reason is the repugnance which persons who have commanded a reputation have to entering into competition at least using their own names. Some-times this has been done by the use of a nom de plume, and there is one interesting anecdote that is told in literary circles of ian navy and revolutionized shipbuilding writer experienced in a contest of this kind. A periodical had offered a prize of \$5,000 for a short continued story. The sum was milding of this chip and the sum was milding of this chip. paratively unknown writer, while a distin-guished writer of short stories who had submitted one anonymously was humili-ated when he discovered that his tale had received not even one of the minor awards.

It is a curious fact, however, that with a warship was canceled at the outbreak of the relicition by Preston, the Confederate competed in prize story contests with competed in prize story contests with success seem to have been unable to maintain the victories thus won. The writer of short stories whose nom de plume is "Q" did, as an unknown, win a prize in one of these contests, and from that success almost completed the Dunderburg when the war ended. He refunded the \$1,025,000 which had already been paid to him by the government and sold the vessel to France. government and sold the vessel to France, or more of contests under the direction of She was one of the finest vessels ever built the editors of some of the responsible periin this country, and in a museum in Paris odicals of America there has been no case Mr. Webb found a beautiful steel model of in which the winner of a prize maintained afterward the repute thus gained. Miss Elia Farman, as she then was, now Mrs. of honor in the home.

Connected with the home and under its and she afterward became the editor of a roof is an academy wherein American boys children's periodical, but there has been no between the ages of 16 and 20 receive free of story from her pen which compares with

that they are unable to pay and must have considerable number of persons now una rudimentary education in mathematics.

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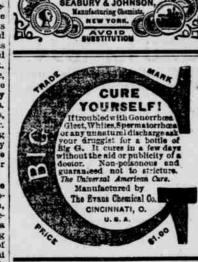
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